He followed the teaching of two teachers
Buddha practiced a great deal before attaining enlightenment
A CARD FROM ALARA KALAMA...
but their wisdom wasn't adequate, and he abandanned them
ALRIGHT... GOOD LUCK! HERE, USE MY NICE WRITING PAPER!
I'M REPLYING...
THAT I'M GOING...
NO, NO NEED...
IT MUST BE THE HUNDREDTH CARD OF THE SAME ILK THAT I RECEIVE...
THE FIRST MEDITATION TEACHER YOU STUDIED WITH?
I CAN'T SHIRK AWAY ANYMORE!
BUT THIS TIME WE'RE BOTH ON EARTH...
HE STILL WANTS TO MEET UP?
BUDDHA, YOU KNOW THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH SAYING NO...

I JUST NEED TO CIRCLE THE APPRO-PRIATE ANSWER.
YOUR TEACHER'S MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS ARE OF ANOTHER KIND...
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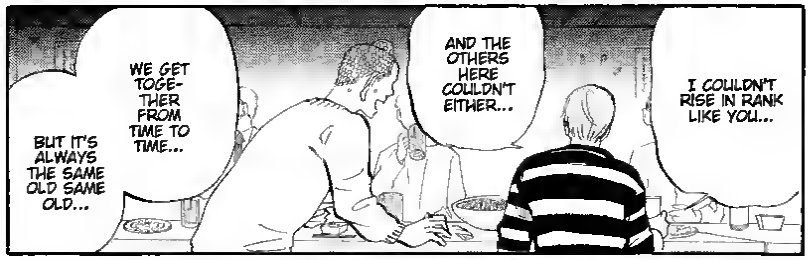
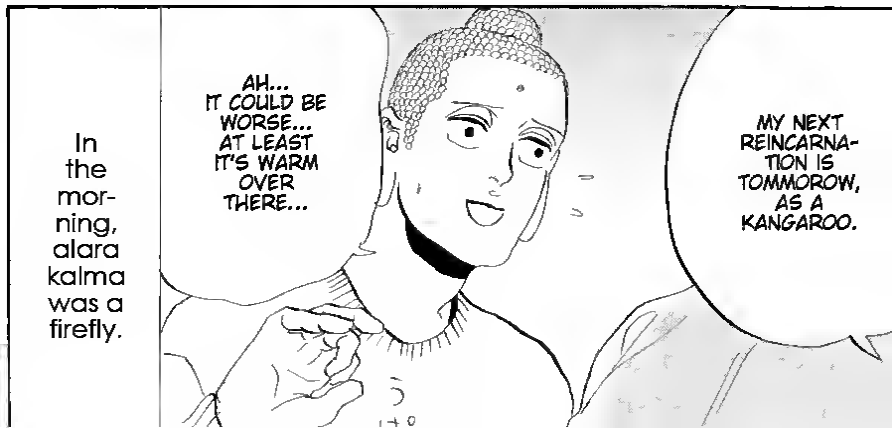
Buddha thinks it's unfair how February only gets 28 days. If January and March both gave him one, they'd all be equal.
Jesus wonders about the fundamental difference between iced tea and iced tea.
WHY DID I SAY YES...?
OH MY..
And the day came ....
I ONLY STAYED A FEW DAYS IN HIS SECT BEFORE LEAVING THEM..
IT'S WEIRD THAT THEY WANT TO SEE THE ONE WHO FORSOOK THEM...
TO CREATE A TRUE PHILO-SOPHY..
AH!
TEACHER! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU WELL!
IF IT ISN'T THAT GOOD OLD SIDDHA-RTHA
SO YOU REALLY CAME!
I'M SURE THAT ALARA HATES ME NOW...
I'M GOING TO GET LYN-CHED..!
OH MY...
WHO COULD THAT BE?
IF ONLY YOU KNOW HOW HAPPY IT MAKES ME.. I OFTEN THOUGHT OF THIS DAY...
OH?! HE'S SO PLE-ASANT..
AND HE WAS SEAR-CHING FOR ENLIGH-TENMENT AS WELL
I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTHING 2000 YEARS PASSED
SID-DHAR-THA... AH, SORRY...

MISTER "ENLIGHTENED"?
NOW WE NEED TO CALL YOU THE "ENLIGHTENED"...
RIGHT?
"IN THE DARK" IF YOU LIKE, EVEN!
YOU CAN CALL ME "THE DIM ONE".
HE DIDN'T CHANGE! IN FACT, HE'S WORSE THAN BEFORE!
COME IN, COME IN! TAKE THE BEST SEAT SINCE YOU'D E A DEITY NOW!
ME SIDDHARTHA, PLEASE...
IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME? WE MORTIFIED TOGETHER!
WOW, IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
EH?
WHOA, THE BUDDHA CAME...
AH?
YES, HM...

WE WERE ALL SHAVED, CADAVEROUS AND WEARING RAGS!!
OF COURSE ...
OH YES!
HOW DO YOU WANT ME TO RECOGNIZE YOU!!
IT HAPPENED TWICE...
WHICH ONE IS IT?
THE ONE WITH THE ORGANS COMING OUT OR THE OTHER?
OH, YES INDEED!
A VULTUR?
OF COURSE! I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED BY A VULTUR IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR MEDITATION!
A VULTUR ATTACK... I REMEMBER!
HM, I'M TAKING A BREAK. RECHARGING MY BATTERIES, AS THEY SAY.
AND SO, THE DISEMBOWELED... WHAT ARE YOU DOING THESE DAYS?
ANYWAY, THAT'S MUCH BETTER... AT LEAST THERE'S SOMEONE I KNOW A BIT...
OK!
HEY, DISEMBOWELED! WANT A BEER?
EH?
OH, SOME KIND OF SABBATICAL LEAVE? WHAT A COINCIDENCE, ME TOO ACTUALLY!
I UNDERSTAND!
AFTER GETTING OUT OF THE LONG CYCLE OF REINCARNATIONS, A BREAK IS A MUST RIGHT?
THE ONE WHO NEARLY GOT EATEN!
DID IT REALLY BECOME HIS NICKNAME?

I'M STILL IN IT... THE CYCLE I MEAN...
HM NO... HUH...


BUT IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME OLD SAME OLD...
WE GET TOGE-THER FROM TIME TO TIME...
AND THE OTHERS HERE COULDN'T EITHER...
I COULDN'T RISE IN RANK LIKE YOU...


In the mor-ning, alara kalma was a firefly.
AH... IT COULD BE WORSE... AT LEAST IT'S WARM OVER THERE...
MY NEXT REINCARNA-TION IS TOMMOROW, AS A KANGAROO.

THIS PLACE IS A FOREST OF MORTIFICATIONS...
WELL YOU KNOW...
IF ONLY I COULD REACH THE MOKSHA...
WHOA LUCKY! I LOVE MOOMINS!
AND YOU, WHAT'S YOUR NEXT LIFE?
I'M HUMAN, IN FINLAND.
I'M GOING TO ASK JESUS TO CALL ME SO I CAN LEAVE POLITELY.
It's better for everyone involved that I'm not here.
OH?
A MESSAGE FROM JESUS...
WHY DID YOU FORSAKE ME!?
OH, AN SMS FROM THE CHRIST HIMSELF!?
NICELY DONE, MISTER ENLIGHTENED, YOU MIX IN WITH THE UPPER CRUST!
I also felt nostalgic and accepted an invitation to an evening reunion in between carpenters
PS maybe I'll spend the whole night there.
JESUS...
WELL EVERYONE, I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
DON'T FEEL SHY, WE GOT LOT OF WINE! SO...

CHEERS!!
CHEERS!!
AND YET, YOU USED TO BE MORE BUFF!
YOU LOST WEIGHT, YOURSELF!
IN ANY CASE, YOU'RE STILL AS MUSCLEY AS I REMEMBER!
AH HE SAYS THAT EVERYTIME WE TALK ABOUT YOU!
I ALWAYS KNEW HE'D DO GREAT THINGS!
WELL, I WAS SURPRISED!
HA HA.
HEHE, STILL...
THAT'S WHAT SWITCHING INDUSTRY DOES TO YOU! IN THESE DAYS, IT'S NEARLY A DESK JOB
IF SOMEBODY HAD TOLD ME THAT OUR JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD!
ANYWAY ...
EVEN IF TIME PASSES, WE CAN STILL MEET AND LAUGH TOGETHER...
THEY DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL... SUCH GOOD FELLOWS...

A TOWER!
A BRIDGE!
WHAT DID YOU...
BUILD THESE DAYS?
A TOWER ...
THE ONE NEXT TO HEAVEN'S ENTRANCE?
YEAH, THAT'S MINE!
AND THE HIGHWAY ABOVE CANA TOO!?
YOU REALLY NEED TO BE A GOD TO CREATE THAT KINDA TOOL!
LOOK AT THIS STUFF! IT LETS YOU REACH EVERYWHERE YOUR HAND CAN'T!
WHAT DID THEY DO AT CANA?
IT'S SOME KIND OF BUILDER TALK-SHOW ...
AH NO NO. CANA DID CHANGE A LOT, THOUGH!
I THINK I RECOGNIZED YOUR FOOTINGS IN Y!
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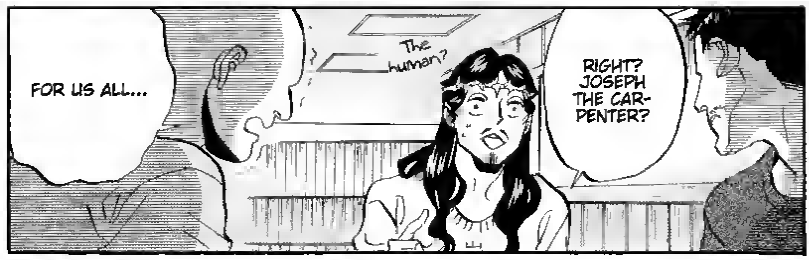
WHAT CAN I DO... I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY...
PHEW! THEY'RE NICE, THEY'RE INCLUDING ME IN THE DISCUSSION...
IT'S NORMAL, MY FATHER CREATED EVERYTHING AFTER ALL!
OH!
YEAH, YOUR FATHER REALLY IS OUR GOD!
AH, BUT THAT'S YOUR FATHER!
AH...

THE ONE WHO ISN'T OMNIPO-TENT!!
YOU MEANT THE OTHER ONE!!

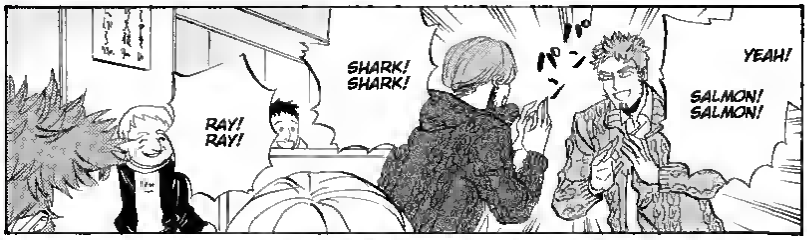

FOR US ALL...
The human?
RIGHT? JOSEPH THE CAR-PENTER?

Every path has it's god.
AH! SORRY! IT WAS A MIX UP! I...!!
THERE IS NO OTHER GOD THAT JOSEPH, OUR MASTER!

THERE IS NO BETTER HIGHWAY THAN JOSEPH'S!
AND YOU, AND YOUR ...
S-SORRY! OF COURSE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT MY FATHER, I...
BOT-TOM'S UP!
BOT-TOM'S UP!
BOT-TOM'S UP!
WHAT A RACKET!
THEY'RE HAVING FUN THERE!
AH WELL, LIVING HUMANS HAVE NO MANNERS.
ANO-THER!
ANO-THER!
ANO-THER!
COME ON IT'S YOUR TURN!
DON'T DISAPPOINT US!
BOT-TOM'S UP! BOT-TOM'S UP!
FW AA A!!!
YEAH !!
HERE, SOME WATER!
WAITER! 4 MORE BEERS HERE!
OH...

WOW, WHY ARE THEY SO LOUD?! YOU SURE FISHERMEN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THAT EXCITED?!!
SHIIIIIII- I CAN'T IDENTIFY ANY OF THEM!
I DON'T REMEMBER ANY NAMES!
BRO... THAT'S NICE OF YOU TO GO LIVEN THINGS UP ON OVER THERE...
THE GROUPER! THE GROUPER!
YO!! GIVE ME THE NAMES OF ALL THE FISHES IN THE OCEAN!!!
WHATEVER, I'LL JUST MAKE SOME NOISE, LET'S GO!!
THAT'S WRONG! THE NAME "FISHERS OF MEN" WAS GIVING BY THE LORD JESUS TO US ONLY!
THE JORDAN RIVER FISHERMEN, IT'S ONLY OVER HERE!
BUT NOW, WE DEFINITELY EARNED IT RIGHT?
YEAH THAT'S TRUE THAT WE DIDN'T FOLLOW JESUS AS FAST AS YOU GUYS...
AH.. THE DISCUSSION IS GETTING SERIOUS...
BUT THAT'S ANOTHER GUILD ENTIRELY!
IT'S A WELCOMING PARTY FOR AN EDITION COMPANY I THINK...

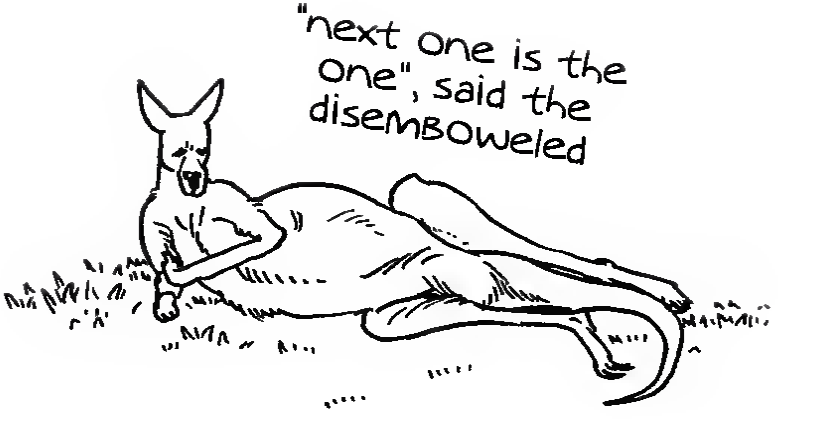
OBJECTION! YOUR OLD MAN IS A FISH WITH A MOUSTACHE AND NOTHING TO DO WITH HUMANS!
AND THAT'S WHAT WE FISH!
NOW, WE KNOW THAT THE STRIPED RED MULLET IS CALLED OLD MAN IN SOME COUNTRIES!
HAH?! IF YOU'RE LIKE THAT, I'LL GO CATCH AN UNKNOWN FISH IN ANTARCTICA AND NAME IT WHATEVER THE HELL I WANT!
TO BE WORTHY OF THIS NAME, CATCH AN UNKNOWN FISH AND NAME IT "HOMO SAPIENS SAPIENS"!
TUNA! TUNA!
HUH...
DOTH NOT CATCH THE FISH WHO SHOULD PERISH, BUT THE ONE WHO GIVES EVERLASTING LIFE AND...
SCORPION FISH!!
SCORPION FISH!!
AS THE LORD JESUS SAID...
AND THAT WAY, I'M GOING TO BE FISHER OF MEN TOO, RIGHT?
RIGHT ANDREW?



These two are always the first to run off when the discussion gets too heated.

I REALLY ATE WELL!
AND I MADE FRIENDS WITH THESE EDITORS!!
WHAT DO WE DO? GO TO ANOTHER BAR OR GOING BACK UP THERE?
LET'S VISIT LORD JESUS!
COME ON, IT'S 11PM, WE'RE GOING TO BOTHER HIM...
AND WE DRANK A LOT TOO...
IT'D BE RUDE TO GO SEE HIM LIKE THAT! LET'S GO HOME LIKE DECENT SAINTS!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, LORD JESUS?
!?
MY LORD?!
IN THIS UNHOLY DISTRICT BAR, AT THIS HOUR?
BUT... AFTER HIS ASCENSION...
HE APPEARED TO ME TO TEACH ME A FINAL LESSON...
MY LORD! WHAT SHOULD I DO?
PETER...

WE'RE GOING TO ANOTHER BAR...
WANNA COME WITH US?
OBVIOUSLY.
ANDREW!
わあ
WE CAN'T SPEND ALL OUR TIME DWELLING ON OUR COMMON MEMORIES RIGHT?
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ORGANIZED THIS FISHERMEN REUNION HERE?
I'M NOT BLAMING ANYONE...
BUT IT USED TO BE HARDER IN THE OLD DAYS AND...
WELL IT'S ALRIGHT, EVERYONE WENT THEIR OWN WAYS...
WHAT? EEH? WHEN?
SINCE THEY MADE JACOB'S LADDER RUN DIRECTLY TO TACHIKAWA!
IT'S EASIER THAT WAY...
APPARENTLY, IT'S TO MAKE YOUR WAY UP EASIER...
I'LL BE ACCUSED OF NEPOTISM AGAIN!
The conversation lasted until the morning.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